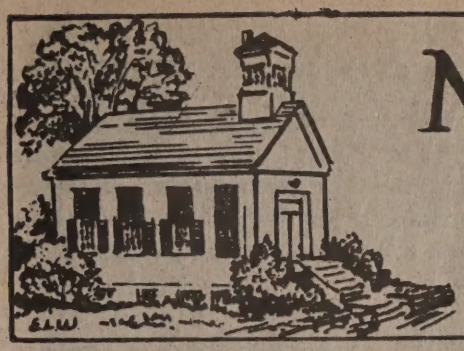

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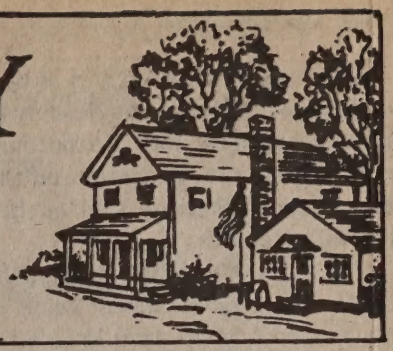

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Cable TV

In the continuing effort to bring cable TV to Monterey, the Board of Selectmen granted a Provisional Cable Television License to Amrac Cable Television. Upward Technology, a competing firm, has filed an appeal with the Selectmen regarding the license. The appeal will be taken to the Massachusetts Cable TV Commission for review and possible settlement. In the event that the dispute remains unresolved between the two companies, there may be a hearing. Cable TV Advisory Committee chairman Stefan Grotz expressed cautious optimism for an out-of-court settlement but said it is difficult to estimate when the conflict may be resolved.

Ramp Project at Disposal Area

Price estimates for the ramp project at the Town Disposal Area were reviewed on January 2. David Straight and Jim Dutcher of Monterey, the low bidders (at $1,451.30), were hired to construct a pressure-treated ramp adjacent to the dumpster to facilitate the recycling program. At the January 16 Selectmen's meeting Mr. Straight submitted his bill for the completed project.

Permits Granted

Gould Farm was granted a renewal of their General Permit of Operation for the Roadside Store and Permit to Operate a Food Service Establishment. The New England Keswick of Chestnut Hill Road was reissued permits to operate a children's camp, operate a food service establishment, and operate overnight cabins, and a general permit for a swimming pool.

Building Inspector Alternate Sought

The Board announced that the Town's Building Inspector will be away for six weeks and an alternate should be appointed. Chairman Rick Mielke expressed the view that any candidates must hold a valid state builder's license. It was unanimously voted that John Piretti of Harmon Road be appointed Alternate Inspector of Buildings for a term expiring June 30, 1990.

"Johnny Elmseed" Project

Monterey resident John Owen met with the Board of Selectmen concerning "Johnny Elmseed," a community service project of the Boy Scouts of America to plant disease-resistant American Liberty elm trees. The Town's participation in the project would cost $200.00 for a yearly membership in the Elm Research Institute based in Harrisville, New Hampshire. The project plans to plant up to 300 trees per town, free of charge. The Board indicated an interest in the undertaking and advised Mr. Owen that a funding request could be included on the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting and further specified that the Tree Warden, Roger Tryon, should be consulted.

Proposed Dog-Restraint By-Law

South County Dog Officer Berter Moro met with the Selectmen concerning the issue of the proposed dog-restraint bylaw. Mr. Moro pointed out that Monterey is the only town in his jurisdiction that does not issue citations and showed the Board examples of the citations used in other towns. He suggested a schedule of fines beginning at $10.00 for violation of the dog-restraint by-law, and $25.00 fine for unlicensed dogs. He also recommended an April 1 to May 1 grace period for unlicensed dogs. The Board responded that the proposed dog-restraint by-law would again be presented for the Town's approval on the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting; it had been previously tabled.

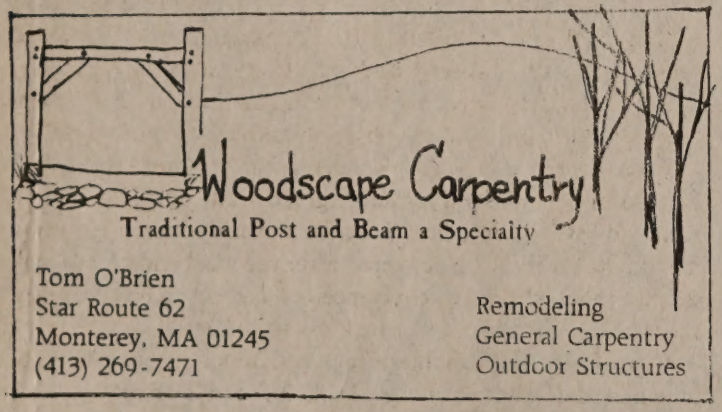
— Maggie Leonard

THE NIGHT SKY

The evening show is given us by the moon in the early part of February. She passes close by the Pleiades, making them hard to see, on the third. On the fourth her companion is Aldebaran, high in the southeast, and the next evening it's Jupiter, even higher. The moon is full on the ninth, and now she is flirting with Regulus.

The other show is reserved for the few of us who may be up an hour or so before dawn: Venus will be making various formations with Mars, Mercury, and Saturn. Mercury will drop out by the twelfth and Venus will be getting brighter and brighter; she will be quite visible in the early daylight. The old moon, a diminishing crescent, joins the traveling group of planets on the twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second and becomes the new moon in the western evening sky on the last three days of the month. She has put in such a lively month it is a temptation to call her mercurial.

— David P. McAllester



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WILL THERE BE A 1990 MONTEREY SUMMER FESTIVAL?

Interested parties will be meeting in the Church basement on Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss whether to do it, when to do it, who wants to make it happen and similar crucial matters. If you have an interest, come to the meeting or, if you can't make it to the meeting, call Donna Bartell, 528-5874.

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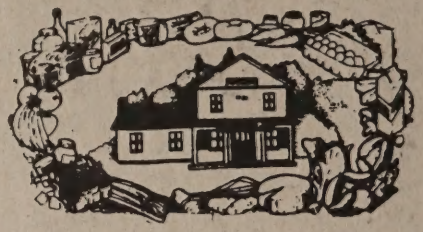

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Bill Bohn, Volunteer, and Bob Hadsell, Custodian of the Monterey Waste Disposal Area, standing on the new ramp alongside the container for recyclables

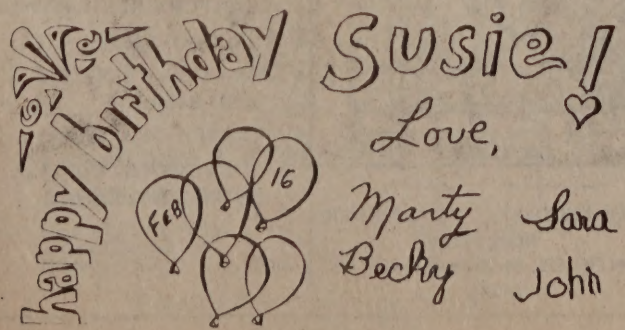
COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MEETS IN MONTEREY

Commissioners from most of the 11 member towns participating in the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District met in the Monterey Town Offices, Wednesday, January 24 to hold a hearing on the 1990-91 budget. It was decided to hold assessments to each town at $3.00 per resident, which will be the same as last year's formula. Last year, Monterey's assessment, which showed up as a line item on the Town Meeting Warrant, was $3 x 708 residents, totaling $2,124. This year's assessment will be about the same.

The Commission's budget covers expenses for special services, such as educational projects in the schools as well as the ongoing work of the group, which focuses on solving problems of solid waste disposal on a regional basis and researching future possibilities for more waste disposal facilities.

It was decided at the meeting to hire a full- or part-time staff person to augment what is now an all-volunteer group. The work of the staff person will be part clerical, part administrative and part brainstorming.

— Ellen K. Pearson



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MONTEREY WASTELINES

Recycling has started and so far, so good. People actually welcome it, and it's great to see so much enthusiasm. Bernie of Berkshire Cleanway, our hauler, said it would be easier than we expected, and so far he's right. The Selectmen and the Solid Waste Committee (Wayne Burkhart, Rudy Gero and me) along with Bob Hadsell, have been covering the Landfill during operating hours, answering questions, and handing out (one per household) recycling boxes, courtesy of the Commonwealth. Bill Bohn, when asked to help, agreed readily and has been a tremendous help in being there for the early morning hours. The facility will not be covered after the weekend of January 21. For those who have not yet received a recycling box, arrangements for picking them up will be announced.

Covering the landfill has its ups and downs, highs and lows. One man didn't have a sticker. I told him that he really couldn't dump without one. "Oh, yes, I can," he said, "You won't like *where* I dump, but dump I will." A Downer. Very depressing. But then five minutes later Jane Kessler came in with a small bag for the compactor. "That," she said, "thanks to you, is our two-months' contribution to the landfill. Everything else has been composted or will be recycled." An Upper. I suggested she give classes in composting. Anyway, she raised my spirits.

The ramp was designed by the Committee (mainly Rudy Gero) and the Selectmen. Bob Hadsell assisted by pointing out some flaws in the original design. It was created on the site in the freezing late December weather by David Straight with the help of Don Clawson. It is a lovely job, and there have been many oohs and ahs on both its looks and its functionality.

The Board of Commissioners of The Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District will have held a public hearing at the Monterey Church on January 24 by the time this issue of the *Monterey News* is available. The SBSWD will also be meeting at Egremont Town Hall at 7 p.m. on February 7 if anyone is interested in attending.

And thank you, all of you, who take the extra time to climb up on the ramp, and separate your recyclables, and express your enthusiasm, and most of all for making recycling work.

— Joyce Scheffey

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Linda Hebert

Linda Hebert has spent virtually her whole life in what she contently calls "people service businesses." Beginning with ushering at Tanglewood as a child, then becoming a registered nurse, she's now one of the most successful and respected real estate professionals in Berkshire County. Raising a family "qualifies as a people service business too!" she is quick to add. It's no wonder Linda Hebert has been so successful in serving people in various capacities; she's friendly, outgoing, articulate, and professional.

Originally from Pittsfield, she attended Pittsfield High School and got her nursing degree from the now defunct Henry W. Bishop III Memorial School of Nursing, a branch of BMC. She specialized in surgical nursing (assisting surgeons during operations) and practiced for four or five years at both BMC and Hillcrest Hospital. In the late '50s she left hospital nursing to open, with her sister-in-law, the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home right here in Monterey. It was located next to Gail and Maynard Forbes's current home on Route 23 but has since burned down. This 40-bed facility was the first built in the Berkshires to function specifically as a nursing home and as such was, at the time, state-of-the-art. Though she has not practiced nursing for over 20 years, Linda still keeps her certification as an R. N. current.

Linda met her husband, Robert Hebert, one night when she came to dinner at the home of a nursing classmate in Monterey. They dated for five years and have been married for the past 32. Though I hope to interview Bob Hebert sometime soon for this column, I can tell you that he sells heavy equipment and is an accomplished race car driver.

Deciding to raise a family, the Heberts sold the nursing home. Their two grown-up children are Cynthia, who works as a real estate broker with her Mom's firm, and Arthur, who's a lawyer in L. A.

A self-professed workaholic, Linda started what is now Realty World Hebert Realty out of the corner of her kitchen, "because it was the only profession I could think of that would allow me to stay home with the children. Also, my father-in-law, Arthur Hebert, started a construction/real estate business here way back in the '30s, and it's always interested me." (Among others, Art Hebert built the house the Amidons now live in!)

After almost 20 years of selling real estate, Linda says, "I still love it!"—probably the reason why Hebert Realty has become so successful. She has three offices and seven sales associates. "Selling real estate is much easier than nursing because it's not life-threatening. Most problems can be resolved; complications are never fatal, even though they may at times seem like it!" Linda Hebert is quite accomplished in her profession, holding the real estate designations of GRI, CRS, and CRB. She's a past president of the Berkshire County Board of Realtors and is currently a State Director and on the Board of the Multiple Listing Service.

One of her more memorable real estate experiences, she recalls, was when "I had to sell a home right here in Monterey which supposedly was haunted with what my customer termed 'a very friendly ghost.' Let's face it, a haunted house is not the easiest thing to market! Finally, I got a buyer who was not so put off when I told him of this supposed resident ghost. But, four to five days before the closing, he too chickened out and the transaction fell through!"

JIM LAFFEY

Linda Hebert

Having lived in Monterey now for about 35 years, Linda thinks "it's a great place to live, very low-key. A great place to raise a family. People really care." Though I don't have room for it here, next time you run into Linda ask her to tell you the story behind her now infamous "WIFE" license plate. Linda also enjoys attending auctions and collecting Early American antiques, especially dolls and early toys.

As we conclude, Linda's running off to cheer on Bob as he competes with his new race car for the checkered flag in the Sun Belt 24 Road Race at the Daytona International Speedway!

— Jim Laffey

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PERSONAL NOTES

Apologies to **Jason Farrenkopf**, whose name was left out of the honor roll list last month. Our nonetheless heartfelt congratulations to Jason, a seventh grader at Mt. Everett, who achieved high honors for the first quarter. Hats off, and keep up the good work, Jason!

Nancy and **Joel Kalodner** spent several days of Joel's holiday break from Haverford College enjoying the pre-Mardi Gras atmosphere of New Orleans, where the days were sunny and warm. They both raved about the great food! Nancy has also been traveling a great deal the past couple of months for the Association of Realtors speaking on professional standards. She has been to Dallas, Martha's Vineyard, Boston, Hyannis, and several other Massachusetts cities. In February she will be in Los Angeles for a national conference.

Marjorie Perces performed in the Thunder Bay Ensemble's very successful *Flight of the Endangered*, a musical/visual work with dance, masks, unusual puppetry and song. There were several performances in New York in November and December at the Theater for the New City, as well as a single performance at Westfield State College.

Congratulations to Eleanor Kimberley, whose color slide, taken at Hancock Shaker Village, won first prize in the People Class in both State and National Grange Photography Contests. We are publishing a black and white print of the serenely lit young woman. Eleanor also won third prize in the animal class for a black and white photo of two kittens in a basket, as well as several prizes in the State Grange contest categories. Very impressive work!

Vikki True of Fairview Road (the new face behind the counter at the Monterey General Store) will be performing in the Rock and Roll Show, live at the Berkshire Public Theatre. The show will run from January 26 through March 10, Friday and Saturday only. For info or reservations you can call 413-445-4634.

Congratulations to **Natasha Grotz**, who qualified for the Super-G and Downhill Junior I Olympics to be held at Lake Placid this month. Tasha will spend a week at Whiteface Mountain training and competing in these events. Tasha qualified by winning a downhill title and placing second in two Super-G races at the Eastern Junior Championship Series at Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine. Congrats and good luck, Tasha!

We welcome back **Hans** and **Jane Kessler**, who are looking happy and well after a most enjoyable four months of travel in Europe.

Douglas Brown has returned to the Florida Institute of Technology, **Michelle Grotz** to New York University, **Shannon Amidon** to Louisiana State, **Kip Makuc** to Boston University, and **Joel Kalodner** to Haverford College. We wish you all renewed energy after your holiday breaks, and a very successful second semester!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Cindy Hebert** on January 10, to **Jim Deloy** on January 11, and to **Pat Amstead** on January 29.

Any little news? Please jot it down and drop it in the mail to me, just Route 23, or at the General Store, *or* give me a call evenings at 528-4519. Appreciate it!

— Stephanie Grotz

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THE CHARM OF THE BABY QUILL PIG

Ever since the summer of 1988 I have been unusually susceptible to the charm of the baby quill pig, thorn pig, or porcupine. Up until then I don't think I paid special attention to them one way or another. Porcupines in general seemed kind of slow and dinosaur-ish to me, and I was never the dinosaur freak that some people (including my daughter) are. But if a dinosaur ever came to live in my apple orchard for a couple of months I'm sure all that would change, just as it did with the porcupine.

It was Cora, then 2, who looked up and said "raccoon" several times until someone paid attention. It wasn't a raccoon, but a little porcupine with burdocks on one side, making himself invisible (by holding still) in one of our top-grafted Macintosh trees. We had visitors from England that day, and out came the cameras, first from a distance and then closer and closer until we discovered a basic truth about porcupines, even baby ones, which is that they are not much afraid of people. He was around all summer and pretty soon we stopped snapping his picture, treating him like a celebrity, and began to think of him as one of the family: Our Porcupine.

The little porcupine gorged on apples and did quite a bad pruning job in our orchard as he moved around during the summer. It was pretty cute to see him hold an apple in his dark little paws and munch out a bite or two. It wasn't quite so cute when he would then drop that apple and start on another one, but we were used to this approach to apple eating from our own children, so we couldn't be too critical.

By the end of September he was gone. I've heard it said there are only three things a porcupine should fear: forest fire, tapeworm, and fishers. To that I would add the automobile. Either our baby fell prey to one of these or else he moved on, or maybe he grew up and became indistinguishable from other porcupines, of which there are plenty around here. After awhile we stopped looking for him as we crossed the orchard; we still don't know what to do with all our photos. Once in awhile we mail another off to our English friends who were visiting that first day.

I know now that the little porcupine was the bearer of 30,000 quills. Each one has, on its tip, tiny barbs which lie flat like fish scales so the quill slides in easily. Once in warm skin or muscle or even in warm water, the little scales or barbs curl outward from the shaft, making it quite hard to remove. The reason the dog squirms so when you try to yank out quills with pliers is because that quarter inch on the tip has to be torn out.

The fisher or fisher cat, large member of the weasel family, is the only predator of the porcupine. It owes its success to natural gifts and to technique. The fisher, alone among mammals, is nearly impervious to porcupine quills. A quill may stick in, but for some reason it rarely penetrates to muscle or organs. Instead it is deflected by the second layer of the skin and it lies flat, then actually works its way back out. A fisher can even ingest quills, but instead of having its esophagus, or stomach, or intestine pierced, it is able to pass the quills on through. I once puzzled over some large mink tracks up our brook until I came upon a dropping and found it full of quills. Then I knew I was following a fisher.

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Baby porcupine: right hind foot, 3" long

There has been a baby porcupine in my life again these past few days. I found him up in the Swann Forest here in Monterey, beside a trail, and brought him home. At first I kept him in the woodshed, but today he has been in the kitchen all day, moving around from the table to the washing machine and back to the table again. I can't believe how fond I am of him; all I can tell you is that he is incredibly appealing, with his glossy coat, his orange teeth, his little rosebud of a tongue and his bear-like plantigrade feet.

He is no bother because he is dead. I think he fell from a tree because I found him in fresh snow and there were no tracks of any kind leading to the little depression where he lay. The reason I brought him home was because I want to skin him. We had company for the weekend, so I put him in the woodshed to keep him frozen until I could skin him in private. Now I've had him in the house thawing out, drawing a picture of his wonderful foot, and I am reluctant to take him apart. I wish he were alive. I read an account of a man who raised two porcupines on a bottle one summer at his country home. He went back to the city for the winter and then when he returned the following summer he went out on his porch and called to see if his former pets were around. They came trundling out of the woods and danced on their hind feet when they saw him, holding out their front paws. Then they climbed up his legs and searched his pockets for treats.

I will never see my porcupine dance, but I've been lucky enough to have had such a close look at him, to have stroked his flamboyant ankle fur and examined his quills under my microscope. I have felt the sharpness of his brilliant teeth and carefully run my hand along his back, smoothing the quills. I have checked out his undefended belly, the place where the fisher would grab him, and noticed how wooly he is all over. His insulation is so good that after all day in the house he hasn't yet thawed out and he only weighs five and a half pounds.

— Bonner J. McAllester

PARK COMMISSION NEWS

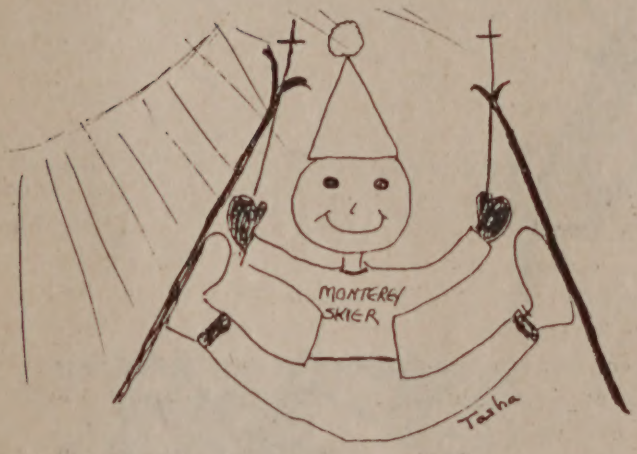
The skating rink is alive and active. Hockey and family skating draw ever-growing numbers.

We survived the warm spell. The ice did melt down to blacktop, but under the direction of Jim Thomas and his volunteer hockey lovers, two solid days of "Zamboni" time revived it.

Here is a repeat of the skating rink schedule:

Mon.-Fri.:	After school from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.:	Adult hockey Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat.:	Family hockey and general "stick time" 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
	Family skating 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Sun.:	Kids' hockey clinic 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
	Family skating 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

— Fran Amidon



MONTEREY SKI DAY

"Monterey Ski Day" will be at Butternut Basin on Friday, March 2. The cost to Monterey residents will be $20.00. Please sign up at either the General Store or Roadside Store.

Refreshments and social hour will be at 4:00 p.m. at the upper lodge. Come and enjoy skiing with your friends and neighbors.

— Dean P. Amidon

THE FIRST ANNUAL MONTEREY CUP TOURNAMENT

The Park Commission organized the first annual Monterey Cup Tournament, a recreational ice hockey championship that was held on January 21 during the big snowstorm. Thirty participants of all ages and skill levels formed six teams that competed in five rounds of ten-minute games to determine four finalists. The top four teams, including the Bruins, Blue Hill, the Blades, and College Bound, went into a single elimination playoff to narrow it down to the last two teams to compete for the cup. In a very exciting 4 to 3 game, the Bruins beat out the Blue Hill Rangers to become the first winners of the Monterey Cup.

Each member of the winning team and the runner-up team received small hockey trophies. In addition, the winning team wins the Monterey Cup, an 18-inch tall gold cup with a figure of a skater on top. The Cup will be inscribed with the names of each of the team members that win it each year. We hope to have started a tradition for the local hockey players to enjoy each year.

We wish to thank all those who participated and those who braved the weather to watch. Free refreshments were served to all, with the hot coffee being in large demand. The players were all the usual gang who play on Wednesday and Friday nights at 7:30 whenever it is cold enough. Anyone is welcome to join us — good hockey skills are not necessarily a requirement.

Congratulations to the first Monterey Cup Champions, the Bruins: Carlo Zaffanella, Paul Nugent, Tom Arnold, Jeff Greenler, and Doug Lewellyan, and to the runners up, the Blue Hill Rangers: Jim Thomas, Jed Lipsky, Winston Wilson, Roger Tryon, John Humphrey and Scott Steele.

— Jim Thomas

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THE HEART IS BOWED

The heart is bowed
When
It is elevated
In the LIGHT.

— Ann M. LaVallee

TAWNY GRASS IN WINTER

Sun spears in the gray day, red-yellow-gold,
In ragged ranks across the smooth white field;
At every breeze they dip and thrust and yield.
At times they beat retreat, at times they hold.

Sparsely mustered to bear, all winter long,
Testimony, luminous, of life held in escrow.
They mark the place where greener spears will grow,
A tender echo of this bristling throng.

— David P. McAllester

A LOOK BEYOND THE PLATE GLASS

Silver slivers of early morning light
Peep through luminous grey clouds.
The searchlight sun surmounts this cover.
Day begins!

This is winter—almost.
Cold blows in from the south
Stripping dead leaves and broken branches.
Trees are left in bare simplicity
To shed heavy snow and dribbling ice.

Tracer bullet bluejays screech, dive
And settle in a young maple tree.
Ever voracious, one attacks a hornets' nest
Sending sheets of grey tissue floating groundward.

Deer appear—soft-shoeing up from the swamp.
In the orchard, four whitetails freeze in various poses
While a yearling dances on hind legs,
Stretching neck and head skyward
Reaching for shriveled fruit.

Formed ice on the beaver pond
Sends shots of reflected rays through
A hedge of evergreens where
Hun turkeys march in low formation on dry hay.

In aloof elegance stand six white pines—
Sentinels of this land for more years than I have known.
Their jagged silhouetts of upturned arms
Catch and frame a fiery cranberry orange afterglow.
Day ends!

— E. L. W.

PRAYERS, MANTRAS ON A PARK BENCH

Jewel-eyed invader come to share my room,
Skeletal smug spark of cosmic mirth—
Sharer, like me, of great action's boon
Inheritor of life and death and birth.

— Dorothy E. Law

COME

COME,
Come into the
Garden of Oneself,
Where
Life is Eternal.

COME,
Come where
The ending of time
Is
The Journey of Truth
In
The Garden of Reality.

— Ann M. LaVallee

THE HILLS HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS . . .

The hills have turned their
backs to summer now—
They are hunched and grey and
still—
The skull of winter's hidden
in the mist—
Only the firs bear banners
against the chill.

— Dorothy E. Law

WE SAT ROUND, WELL-FED

We sat round, well-fed, in the bright room of our dying, racing black evenings of our ending three times nearer than the days of our beginning; and, justifiably pissed, pronounced doom on the three year olds.

We had heard intolerable news of hostages taken, demanded ransoms, flauntings & gloatings

One, acceptable perhaps when sober, a posturer when not, unsober, postured as a soldier, battle-scarred, versed in veritudes of violence.
His scars are on his buttocks, this shuffle-paper hero.

A quiet one, professional, who in his work
had traced the fragile coiled threads of life
and spoke with authority because of his quietness,
denounced with winey breath the little ones,
consigned them, regretfully, to splintered death
among the bombs; for killing children
would constrain their frantic mothers to constrain
in turn their shouting bloody brothers. This unspeakable logic we took as truth and spoke of it and applauded
the prospect of the dropping of the bombs.

The soldier grew sentimental over stern necessity, rambled and dozed

The brotherhood of man is certain: we were at Auschwitz among the guards

— Jim Michelman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In addition to the routine business of the last several months, the Monterey Conservation Commission was presented with a request for an emergency project by the Town of Monterey. The septic system serving the Town offices failed, wastelines in the building ceased to function, and there was an imminent threat of pollution to the nearby Konkapot River.

The granting of an emergency permit is rarely done by local commissions, and the criteria for certification are very specific. Emergency projects circumvent most of the regulatory procedures outlined in the Wetlands Act and may be begun immediately upon notification of the Conservation Commission, so long as certain requirements are satisfied. The work to be performed must be necessary for the protection of the health or safety of citizens of the Commonwealth and must be ordered by an agency of the Commonwealth.

The local commission must make a careful description of the project in its certification; and this description may not include work beyond what is necessary to abate the emergency. The Commission must make a site inspection within 30 days.

Monterey Conservation Commissioners agreed with the Board of Selectmen that the failure of a septic system slightly more than 50 feet from a river constituted a threat to public health.

Certification was granted, and work began immediately. The old tank was replaced, and, as will be obvious to anyone who looks from the bridge across the river down beside the Grange Hall, the site was covered, mulched, and surrounded by a brigade of hay bales to control erosion.

— Ellen K. Pearson

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

The Children's Health Program Parent-Child Playgroups will sponsor a Kure for Kabin Fever Bake Sale and Children's Activities Demonstration on February 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Ames Department Store in Great Barrington. Our resident "Kabin Fever-ologist" will be on hand to give advice for children's activities during winter days and inclement weather. We are seeking donations of baked goods, brownies, cookies, breads, cupcakes, and holiday type goodies. If you wish, baked goods can be left in Claudette's office at Children's Health Program, 54 Castle Street, Great Barrington, on Friday, February 9. Playgroup leaders can also be contacted for more information. The proceeds will benefit the Parent-Child Playgroups.

Families are invited to join us at a Valentine Party, February 13, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Youth Center (small brick building across from Searles School on Bridge Street, Great Barrington). This is free of charge.

The committee called Citizens Against Child Abuse is planning a variety show, "A Night Out With the Doo Wah Gang," on March 3, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. at the Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington. The donation is $5.00 a ticket. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Health Program. Tickets are available at the Children's Health Program and at the door. Proceeds from last year's performance are being used to renovate part of the Russell House for a child-centered interview room.

Cribs are badly needed by the Berkshire County Right to Life organization, which does so much to help families with newborn children. If you would like to donate a crib, please call 528-9006.

— Claudette Callahan

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REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE NEWS

The Republican Town Committee met on January 18 and elected Anne Marie Makuc to fill a bonus delegate position to the State Convention on March 10. Berkshire County Republican Association chairman David Kiley attended and explained that any other registered Republicans who wish to attend may be elected at an open caucus that will be held in Pittsfield. Mark Makuc and Maryellen Brown are eligible to attend as ex officio delegates. Any Republican who is interested in joining us should call 528-1382 for information before February 3. David Kiley also spoke on behalf of Rep. Steven Pierce, who is running for the Republican nomination for governor.

The Republicans set meeting and caucus dates for the upcoming local elections. A nominating committee consisting of Mark Makuc, Shel Fenn, Barbara Gauthier, and Fran Amidon will meet in advance of the next Town Committee meeting on March 8 and come up with suggestions for nominations. Anyone who would like to be nominated on the Republican ticket, including incumbents, should see someone on the nominating committee and write a letter to the Committee formally asking to be considered at the caucus. The Republican caucus will be held on March 17 at 1:00 p.m. to vote on the final nominations for Town offices. Anyone interested in running for any Town office is encouraged to contact someone on the nominating committee. We are especially looking for candidates for Selectman.

— Mark Makuc

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MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The annual movie series is now half-way through and appears to be as successful as ever. The last two movies are ones we have seen before in previous years, back by popular demand! On Saturday, February 3, we are showing *His Girl Friday*, with Cary Grant, and the series finishes with the truly classic *Thief of Baghdad* on the tenth. Come, bring the children, have a good time on a Saturday night in the winter—7:30 p.m. in the library basement. Admission is *free*.

The computers are in the library; as of this writing, they are not yet operational but may well be by the time this appears. Computerization is a very complicated business, especially for a small place like the Monterey Library. We believe that when it is all finished, and the staff are used to its little idiosyncracies, it will make a real advance in the kind of service the library can offer its users.

In March the reading discussion series, *Heroines, Heroes, and Heroisms*, will be taking place, each discussion being on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Each program will include a short presentation by a scholar of literature, followed by discussion in one or more small groups. The books, together with the dates and the names of the presenters, are as follows:

March 5: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, Marion Copeland, Holyoke Community College

March 12: *The Odyssey* (Homer), George Dimock, Smith College

March 19: *Antigone* (Sophocles), John Higgins, The Gilbert School

March 26: *St. Joan* (George Bernard Shaw), Richard Nunley, Berkshire Community College

We hope as many people as possible can come, both those who have participated in our earlier discussion series, and new faces. The books are available now in the library for participants to borrow—be aware that at least one of the books (*The Odyssey*) is of a length which would be difficult to manage in just a week's reading. We strongly suggest, if you intend to come to that session, that you begin your reading as soon as possible! Participants may attend one, several, or all of the programs. All programs are free and open to the public.

For more information, to register and to obtain books, call the Monterey Library at 528-3795 during regular library hours. The series is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy, state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

— John Higgins
Chairman, Monterey Library Trustees

NOTICE

Any REGISTERED VOTER interested in having the warrants for Town Meetings mailed to his or her household: Send your name and mailing address on a *postcard* to Maryellen Brown, Town Office, Monterey, MA 01245.

Warrants will also be available at the Town Office one week prior to the meetings. Also, copies will be on hand at the meetings.

— Maryellen Brown
Town Office Secretary

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ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

Valentine Party, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10! Come celebrate Valentine's Day, with or without your skates, at the skating rink in the Firehouse Pavilion. There will be hot chocolate and cookies for everyone. Wear red and white to mark the occasion.

Rain date: Sunday, February 11, same time and place.

Attention, artists of all kinds!

Applications for spring funding may be submitted at any time all through February; they must be postmarked no later than March 1 to be considered for this period.

Next Arts Council meeting: Wednesday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. (note, not our usual 7:30) in the Church basement. All are welcome. Come and make your contribution to the ideas and decisions of your Arts Council. Remember, we meet on the third Wednesday of every month, usually at 7:30.

— Donna Bartell

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THE MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange No. 291 met for a regular meeting January 17. The program was "Predictions for 1990," with many members participating.

Worthy Master Tillie Butler, Lecturer Mary Wallace, and Flora Alice Shaffer attended Youth Night at Stockbridge Grange No. 295, where Sister Butler was acting Master and Sister Alice Shaffer was guest Flora.

Lecturer Mary Wallace recently attended the Women's Activities Conference in Dalton, where projects and contests for the year were outlined.

The next meeting will be on February 21. The program will be "Famous February Birthdays," and a cherry baking contest for members and friends.

— Mary Wallace
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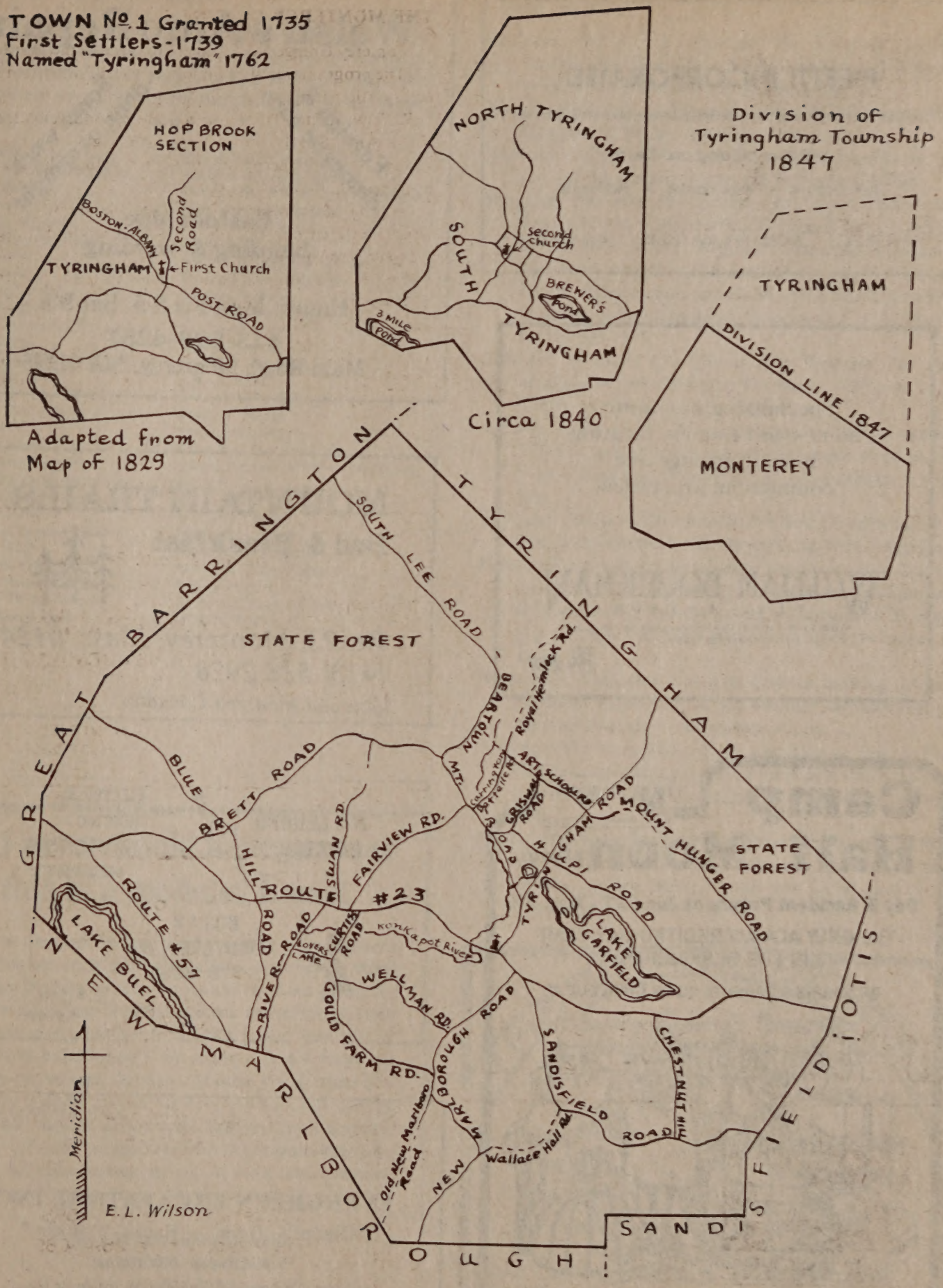

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Saturday, February 3—Library Film Program, *His Girl Friday*, with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell, 7:30 p.m. in the library basement. Admission free.

Tuesday, February 6—Prayer Breakfast, at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen, 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 10—Arts Council Valentine Party, 2:00 p.m. at the skating rink in the firehouse pavilion.

Saturday, February 10—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4.00, children $1.00 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-323-7578.

Saturday, February 10—Library Film Program, *The Thief of Baghdad*, with Douglas Fairbanks. 7:30 p.m. in the library basement. Admission free.

Tuesday, February 13—Monterey Summer Festival meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement: an exploratory meeting to see if there should be a Festival and what shape it might take.

Thursday, February 15—Friends of Silence, meditation, 7:30 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen.

Friday, February 16—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, to benefit the Great Barrington Cooperative Nursery School. Admission $5.00, beginners welcome. See other information under February 10, above.

Wednesday, February 21—Arts Council meeting, Church basement, at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome: we want as much input as possible from the community.

Saturday, February 24—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style. This program is for people who have done it before. For other information, see above under February 10.

Friday, March 2—Monterey Ski Day: special rate of $20.00 for Monterey residents. At Butternut Basin, Great Barrington, all day. Refreshments and social hour at the Upper Lodge, at 4:00 p.m.

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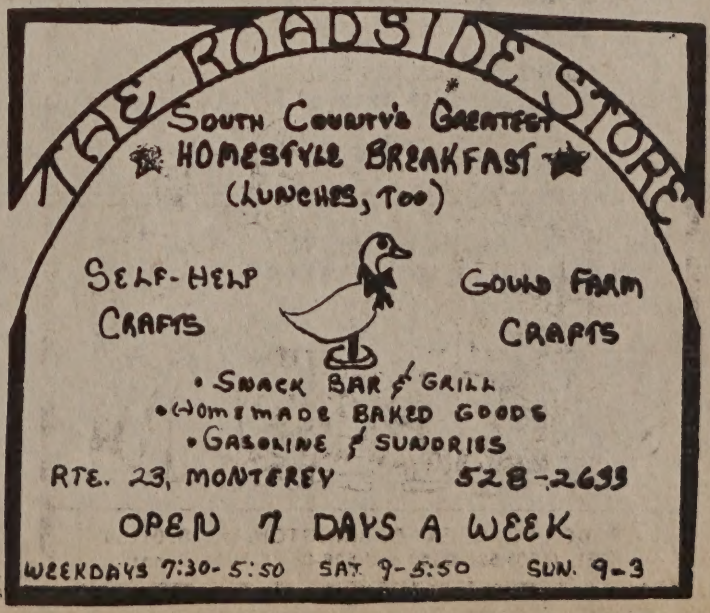

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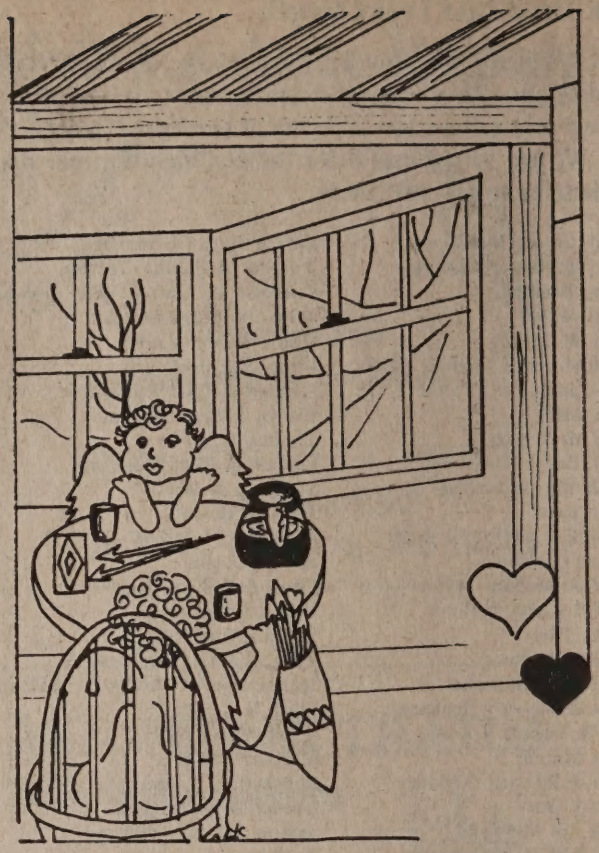
— Eileen Clawson



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